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### Communicable Disease Report May 18, 2009

To: Health Care Providers  
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#### Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report 5/6/09 – 5/12/09:

##### Reportable :

5 Chlamydia  
4 Influenza A  
2 Salmonella  
1 Cryptosporidiosis  
1 Campylobacter  
1 Lyme Disease  
4 Dog Bite  
1 Hepatitis C

##### Non- Reportable :

21 Streptococcus  
1 Mononucleosis

**GCCHD 24/7 contact number: Call Dispatch 582- 2100 Ext.2,  
ask to page Health Department**

**Gallatin City-County Health Department Update:** Now that there are cases of H1N1 Influenza in Montana, the Health Department has returned to routine weekly active surveillance calls.

#### **Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: 05/08/09 Summary – Weeks 16 & 17**

Disease reports received at DPHHS April 19 – May 2, 2009 included campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis, *E. coli* O157:H7, giardiasis, non-O157 STEC, salmonellosis and shigellosis, a case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in eastern Montana, rabies in skunk, invasive *S. pneumoniae*, and varicella.

**Seasonal Influenza Surveillance** – As of 05/2/09, Montana's seasonal influenza activity is LOCAL and decreasing. Activity continues to decrease in the United States.

**H1N1 (swine)** – Updates to laboratory testing criteria and surveillance are issued in HANs to local health departments and Montana specific information can be found at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/swineflu/index.shtml>.

From April 28 to May 12, over 750 specimens from persons with ILI were tested free of charge at the Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) for Influenza A. This is twice the

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number of specimens (450) that are normally tested during the traditional influenza season from October 2008 through April 27, 2009. Of these specimens, 97 from 17 counties were positive for seasonal influenza A (both H1 and H3). Four specimens have been confirmed as influenza A H1 (swine-like).

MTDPHHS is now re-focusing the public health effort in order to assess the extent to which severe illness is occurring. Surveillance is now being focused on persons with severe illness (hospitalized) and special populations of interest including pregnant women and health care workers. We encourage providers from all areas of the state to submit respiratory specimens from persons hospitalized with symptoms that include ILI for influenza PCR testing and sub-typing at the MTPHL.

Effective May 14, 2009, influenza testing at MTPHL will be charged at the current published fee. **This testing will no longer be provided free of charge.** For questions regarding the fees or CPT codes, please phone MTPHL at 1-800-821-7284.

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